



MRS. JAMES S. SHERMAN, WINNING FAME IN WASHINGTON FOR HER PLAIN HOME DINNERS.

If there is one way better than another to win fame and popularity it is via the good dinner route. Elaborate, dignified dinners of state grow weary, so those who are compelled to eat them have said, but a good old-fashioned dinner, served in home style, is a hit in Washington circles nowadays. Mrs. James S. Sherman, wife of the vice-president, is a cook of the old school. During the past winter she gave three home dinners where there was more plain food than frills, and diplomatic

Washington opened its eyes and wondered. Mrs. Sherman made a hit with her dinners—so much of a hit, in fact, that she is planning a series of twelve home dinners during the month of May, which are due to wind up the Washington season. "A vice-president is never over-strong in Washington circles," said Senator Depew, "but when a vice-president has a wife that can cook as Jim Sherman's wife can, then he surely becomes of some importance. If Mrs. Sherman keeps up her May dinners people would rather look out, or Mrs. Jim will be serving from the White House."

#### PILLOWS FOR SUMMER IN COOL COLORS

Easily laundered pillows of cool colors and simple design for the summer should replace the handsome silk and embroidered winter pillows. To make ideal warm weather pillows buy materials that will wash without fading and make cases to button on. This is done in several ways; the easiest is to have an opening across the middle of back, faced back like placket and provided with buttons or fasteners. Some sew the four sides up, leaving an opening in half of end seam through which the pillow is pushed. The seam is then blind stitched together and can be quickly ripped for the laundry.

Simplicity of line does away with shirred corners, ruffles, frills and puffs. The newest pillows are oblong in shape, though square ones never go out.

It is folly to have all the pillows white or delicate green, if you are to live in a sunny room; on the other hand, turkey red, though cheap, serviceable and easily washed, is too hot looking to be attractive in a city house, though it is excellent if you are to summer in the woods or at the shore.

For porch use these may be made of linen crash, with bold, conventional outlines worked in rope silk in chain or twisted outline stitch.

Fabric striped material in white or pale cream used for furniture coverings make cool pillows for indoors or porch. These can be finished with heavy cotton cord knotted on corners or the case may be made with doubled home sewed along the pillow outline and standing out like an ungathered frill.

For a reception room dainty pillows are made in large barred dimities, white finished with a narrow crochet edging or heavy linen lace.

Lingerie pillows with inserts of elany or flit medallions surrounded by vines and scrolls of satin stitch embroidery or Madeira work, and finished with pleat or needlework edge, are attractive but costly.

White pillows, with narrow applied borders of eretonne or plain colored linen are made up in heavy lined and crashes and transparent materials. Instead of the band formerly used it is newer to cut out flowers and leaves and apply them to pillowcase with but tonhole stitch.

A bunch of flowers or fruits from

eretonne is novel when applied to the center of a white madras pillow cover. A new touch to pillows, made from barred tea toweling or crash, in red and white, blue and white, or green and white, is to stitch to them a border of linen to match the bar. This border is put on the outer edge, is two inches wide, set in from the edge its own width, or it can form a circle or a diamond in the middle of the pillow.

Huckaback pillows with bold conventional design outlined in three colors, the darkest on the outside and the lightest on the inside, and the background darned in a fourth tone lighter yet, make appropriate summer effects. These are good looking in green or old blue on white, or browns and yellows on a butter-colored background.

#### Furnishing the Spare Room

Aunt Mary had arrived unexpectedly. She had been passing through the city, and had decided to stop over with her favorite nephew and the wife he had very recently married. There was a good deal of curiosity in this sudden appearance, for Aunt Mary had expressed the opinion that the young wife was too frivolous to make a good housekeeper. So she had arrived without baggage, and there had been no opportunity to prepare for her.

It was after breakfast the next morning, when business had called the young man away to his office, that Aunt Mary unbosomed herself.

"My dear," she said, in the bluff way that was nevertheless somehow becoming to her, "I have done you an injustice. And I'm glad to admit it."

"An injustice?" echoed Helen.

"Exactly. I had said that you would make a poor housekeeper. I take it all back. You not only stand the test of the unexpected dinner guest, but you have survived the even harder test of the spare room."

"I think the spare room is harder than the unexpected dinner guest,"

#### LOW COLLARS ARE GAINING POPULARITY

The low neck is to prevail this summer. One almost wonders, as the vogue extends, if the stock collar is to be banished altogether for everybody.

Neckwear departments, while supplied with stocks of the usual attractiveness, are abundantly fitted out with Russian and Dutch collars, side frills, front plaits, ruffled one or both sides, and low collar and cuff sets of endless variety.

The girls are busy embroidering plaits and frills for the fronts of their summer shirtwaists, and often match them with cuffs and belts.

One of the fads is to make such accessories of linen the color of the suit with which they are to be worn, and embroider them in white or to reverse the process and do the work in a color on a white ground.

Those worked in all white will be sure to go with everything, while those made with colors may fill the need.

The plaits all have buttonholes, through which link buttons fasten both waists and plait.

#### DAINTY TRUNK PACKING.

Innumerable are the useful and pretty things designed for dainty trunk packing. Instead of tissue paper, some women use linen or cheesecloth covers that have the merit of permanency, although they soil and are even more bulky.

One of the loveliest of recent wedding presents, and yet so inexpensive that it deserves notice, was a set of such covers in pale pink, with hem-stitched edges and embroidered monograms in white. There were five covers, the size of the bride's trunk, four smaller ones to fit divided trays, two cases for lingerie and three for small toilet conveniences, and a dozen squares for shoes, each equipped with ribbons for tying in place.

It is hard to imagine anything prettier than a trunk packed with these pale pink accessories. Not so pretty, but just as practical, is the substitute another woman urges for tissue paper or linen. A roll of long cloth lies inside her trunk, and it weaves its way in and out of her frocks, filling gaps, separating dark from light and preventing soil quite as effectively if not so picturesquely as the other medium.

#### A USEFUL COAL OIL CAN.

Coal oil applied locally is good in case of sore throats and colds on the chest.

For washing painted woodwork use two tablespoonfuls of coal oil to a pail of hot water.

Rubbing nickel and granite ware with a cloth dipped in coal oil will remove all dirt and black made over the fire.

If the sewing machine runs hard oil well with coal oil. Run fast for two minutes, then wipe off and oil with the usual machine oil.

Coal oil will remove tar, wagon grease, grass stains from clothes if the spots are saturated with the oil and laid aside a half hour before washing. Grease and dirt disappear as if by magic from hardwood floors, bathrubs, sink benches, washstands, etc., if a woolen cloth dipped in coal oil is used for cleaning them.

Coal oil well rubbed in the scalp once a month, not only ensures new growth of hair, but prevents the hair from falling out.

Remove the brush from a carpet sweeper, clean it thoroughly, then with a cloth wet in coal oil rub the brush until it is saturated, afterward leaving it out in the air for a few minutes until the odor evaporates. The brush

smiled the other. "I'm glad you found the spare room comfortable."

"The most comfortable that I ever spent a night in," said the older woman. "Most spare rooms are made for show much more than for comfort."

There's plenty to please the eye, but it's hard work finding the little things—pins, needles, cotton, brushes, towels, and all the rest of them that you need to make yourself really comfortable. If you haven't a trunk with you, you feel as if you were going to bed in a highly decorated desert of Sahara. I don't see, now, how you managed to think of all the little things that you've put in that room, just where you expect your guest can find them without any trouble."

"I unexpectedly visited myself," said Helen.

Aunt Mary looked puzzled. "Visited yourself, my dear?" she asked.

"Yes. After we'd furnished the room the way people usually furnish a guest room I took a handbag, just as if I had arrived unexpectedly as you did yesterday, and spent a night in my own guest room."

"I was surprised to find what a lot of things I needed and couldn't find in it. So I put them in immediately, and if there's anything you didn't find, Aunt Mary, I'd be glad to have you tell me what it is, and it'll be there before evening."—Youth's Companion.

does not need oiling but twice a year. Lint and dust come from carpets easily and remain in the sweeper, making carpets look fresh and bright.

Useless bottles may be used for jelly glasses by cutting off the top to any length required. Wrap common cotton cord two or three times around the bottle a little below where it is to be divided. Drop coal oil slowly on the cord until well saturated. Then ignite with a match. When the flame is nearly dead out, pour on a little cold water, and it will immediately separate as smoothly as if cut.

#### LITTLE HINTS ON DRESS.

A featherweight hat of net, lace or malines is a source of great comfort and a relief from the heavy turbans.

Bead fringes matching the costume are often seen on smart gowns.

The vogue of the collarless dress is in a measure responsible for the return of the half-inch black velvet ribbon neck band. These come provided with jeweled or metal slides and clasps.

Children will wear all-white pique and linen sunbonnets this summer.

Simplicity is the keynote of two-piece tailored suits.

Plaited skirts with the plaits stitched down considerably below the hips are seen in large numbers.

Waists are frequently dyed to match the suits.

#### BANQUETS TO STATUES.

A Parisian lady who died recently won a certain amount of notoriety in the French capital by entertaining at dinner for over a decade a marble statue of her late husband. From the day of her partner's death until her own decease she always dined with the statue, which was five feet in height, placing it at the head of the table and setting before it food and viands by way of oblation, says Tit-Bits.

The late King of Bavaria always had a bust of Marie Antoinette by his side when he sat down to dinner. He regarded the stone image absolutely the same as if it were the queen herself, placing the most costly viands for its consumption and speaking to it in tender tones.

There is an old gentleman living near Glasgow who has for several years dined daily with a statue. He is a bachelor, and the statue is a counterfeit presentment of his sister with whom he lived and who died suddenly of heart failure. At her death an exact model of her in a sitting posture was chiseled by a sculptor, and this was attired in her clothes and placed by her bereaved brother in a chair in his dining-room. From that day to this the statue has occupied a seat at his dinner table, with a maid servant standing beside it, whose duty it is to place food and drink for it at every meal.

It will be remembered that Mr. Clyde Fitch, the dramatist, gave a banquet once at which there were a number of half-human size dolls, dressed to represent the female characters in certain of his plays.

Cases of sculptors falling in love with the figures they chisel are by no means uncommon. One sculptor became so entranced with one of his works that he used to worship it in a most extravagant fashion. Another knight of the mallet chiseled a Venus, and fell in love with it to such an extent that on several occasions he entertained it at dinner table, inviting his fellow sculptors to toast it in bumpers of champagne.

It seems incredible that men should live in the tombs of their wives, yet there are several cases on record of men who have done this. Jonathan Reed, for instance, sat daily in a vault in Evergreen cemetery, New York, by the side of the coffin containing the remains of his wife.

Mr. Reed, who was an eccentric gentleman of considerable wealth, erected a tomb at a cost of \$700, and after placing the body of his wife in it, furnished it with a dressing table and mirror, chairs, a table, china vases, boxes and all the property belonging to his wife, including old gloves, balls of yarn, pieces of unfinished knitting, photographs and boxes of letters.

The coffin stood on a shelf, and over this Mr. Reed threw a piece of cheap Japanese matting, gaudily painted with flowers. Regularly every morning the bereaved husband visited the tomb, and remained there until the cemetery closed at 7 o'clock in the evening. He usually sat on a chair by the head of the coffin, but occasionally he would stand at the door of the vault with mementoes of his wife in his hand. The vault is an imposing structure of granite, and over the door is engraved "Jonathan and Mary E. Reed."

#### DRESSMAKING BY WIRELESS.

LONDON, May 10.—Dressmaking by wireless is now one of the new features of the great ocean liners. An exclusive old Bond street house has secured permission to place its saloon, models and samples on the Mauretania, Lusitania and other liners. Tourists will be informed in advance of the styles, allowed to select their patterns, and the measurements and orders will then be sent to London by wireless. By this means the gowns will be ready when the tourist arrives in London. To avoid conflict with the American customs authorities, the costumes will be displayed in a special cabinet in charge of the American revenue authorities while the boat is under their jurisdiction.

#### FISH AND MEAT SAUCES.

Roast goose.....Apple sauce  
Roast beef.....Horse radish, tomato catsup  
Roast mutton.....Stewed gooseberries  
Roast lamb.....Mint sauce  
Roast pork.....Apple sauce  
Roast turkey.....Apple sauce  
Cranberry or celery, plum or grape sauce  
Roast chicken.....Currant jelly  
Broiled steak.....Oyster sauce  
Pigeon pie.....Mushroom sauce  
Fried salmon.....Egg sauce  
Broiled mackerel.....Stewed gooseberries  
Boiled or baked fish.....White cream sauce, drawn butter sauce



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